

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Tsuyahiko SHIMADA

Serial No. 10/784,977

Group Art Unit: 2178

Confirmation No. 8981

Filed: February 25, 2004

Examiner: Manglesh Patel

For: DOCUMENT PROCESSING APPARATUS AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 22, 2006. A petition for an extension of time from the first month to the third month, together with the requisite fee (\$1020.00 – \$120.00 (previously paid)), is enclosed herewith, thereby extending the due date to June 22, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.